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RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.
SUBMIT AND BE SPARED.
BRAVES
S-SKIP?
W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THIS IS OUR WORLD NOW.
WHAT CAN WE DO, KID?
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THE INVASION HAS BEGUN! SHAPESHIFTING ALIEN SKRULLS HAVE INFILTRATED EARTH. COMPLETELY UNDETECTABLE, THEY HAVE ASSUMED POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT, THE MILITARY, AND EVEN THE SUPER-HERO COMMUNITY. THEY POSSESS HIGHLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, A MASSIVE ARMADA OF WARSHIPS, ENOUGH SOLDIERS TO OCCUPY THE PLANET AND A SECRET WEAPON – SUPER SKRULLS, WHICH CAN IMITATE THE POWERS OF MULTIPLE SUPER-HEROES.
ONE OF US PART 1
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DEPLOY A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM. I WANT TO SEE THIS THING UP CLOSE.
COMMANDER?
DENSITY SCANS INDICATE THAT THE SUBJECT IS ARMED, SIR...
"...HEAVILY ARMED."
DID I SPECIFY THAT THE SUBJECT BE TAKEN ALIVE?
FOOO
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...AFTER ALL, YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION.
PSST. BOYS--
NAME'S WADE WILSON.
BUT MOST PEOPLE CALL ME DEADPOOL: "THE MERC WITH A MOUTH."
--HOW DO YOU SAY, "OH, $#@!" IN SKRULL-ESE?
KONI

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"IT'S TIME TO END THIS SILLINESS."
OKAY--
WRAKK!
--THIS IS JUST GETTING SILLY.
IS THIS REALLY THE BEST PLAN WE COULD COME UP WITH?
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME? IS HE TALKING TO US?
I dunno.
"I mean we didn't come up with this plan--he did.
COMMANDER! THE TARGET IS SURROUNDED BY OUR GROUND TROOPS! IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO NEUTRALIZE THE TARGET WITHOUT--
AS IT IS WRITTEN, SERGEANT.ON MY COMMAND.
"FIRE."
CHOOM!
CHOOM!
CHOOM!

"SCAN FOR VITAL SIGNS."
"THERE ARE SPORADIC SIGNS, COMMMANDER ...
=HHHH-K-K-K-K-K=
"...BUT THEY ARE FADING."
"AND THE TARGET?"
"VITALS ARE NIL, COMMANDER."
CONFIRMED?
CONFIRMED, COMMANDER. TARGET IS NEUTRALIZED.
SEND OUT A SECONDARY TEAM TO RETRIEVE OUR FALLEN... AND THE UNIDENTIFIED HUMANOID.
"OUR SCI-OPS DIVISION WILL NO DOUBT FIND SOME VALUE IN IT."
READY? ON THREE.
ONE... TWO...

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KA-BOOOOM

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LET'S JUST HOPE THIS GUY ISN'T, EITHER.
TELL ME:
DOES YOUR SKRULL MEDICAL PLAN COVER MASSIVE HEAD WOUNDS?
IF YOU EXPECT ME TO BEG FOR MY LIFE, YOU'RE SADLY MISTAKEN. I AM A GENERAL IN THE SKRULL ARMADA.
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "NO."
C. DPL.
CLICK
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BANG!
THANK YOU, THANK YOU-- I'LL BE HERE ALL WEEK!
HILLK!
CHILL OUT, HOT STUFF.
GAK
JUST WANTED TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION.
GAK
I GOT A
GAK
PROPOSITION!
DID YOU REALLY THINK...
IN THAT PUNY LITTLE HEAD OF YOURS...
...THAT YOU COULD GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE MIGHT OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE?
PUT HIM DOWN.
GOODY.
"Goody"?
HE'S NOT STUPID.

SPEAK, HUMANOID. WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HERE GOES NOTHING...
NAME'S WADE WILSON...
...BUT MOST PEOPLE CALL ME DEADPOOL. THE MERC WITH A MOUTH.
KLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIK
AND I'M REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR.
WTF?! FIND OUT NEXT MONTH!
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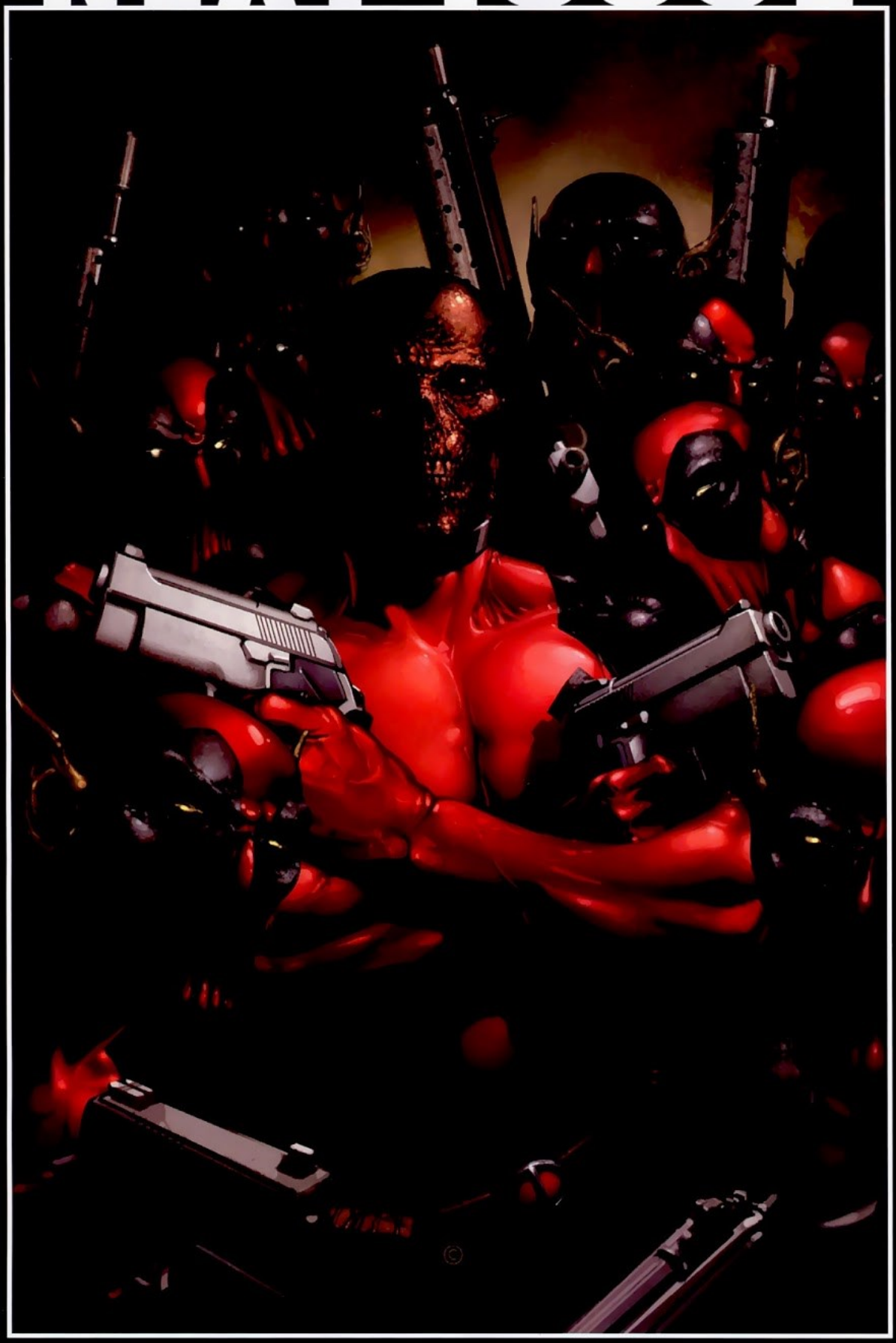

DON'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM!

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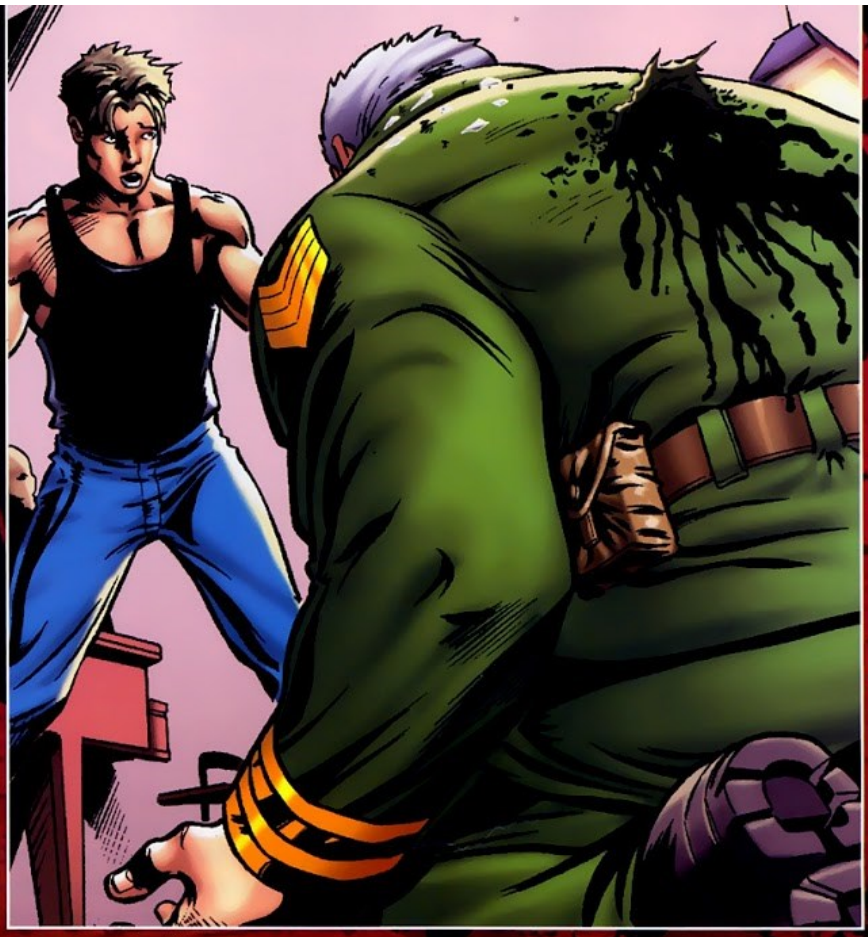
Almost nothing is known for certain about the youth of the man called "Wade Wilson," not even if he was born with that name. He remembers a mother who died when he was five and a mother who beat him during his teen years, a father he hasn't seen since childhood and a father who was shot in a barroom altercation when his son was 17. Whatever his past, the youth who became Deadpool grew up to be a violent, conflicted man.



After serving in the military, that violent man became a teenage mercenary, taking assignments against those he felt warranted death. After failed assignments, he took new identities, and his true self, whoever that was, may have been lost in the process. A turning point came when, while on the run, he was nursed back to health by a husband and wife. Supposedly the husband's name was "Wade Wilson," and the mercenary craved that identity for himself. While trying to kill his benefactor, however, he inadvertently killed his wife Mercedes. Having broken his self-imposed rule against harming the innocent, the unhinged mercenary decided that **he** was Mercedes' husband, "Wade Wilson," and he mourned her before moving on.

Still a mercenary, Wilson traveled the world in the course of his assignments but never again abandoned the identity he believed was his. Eventually turning up in the USA, he fell in love with young Vanessa Carlysle, and although the couple lived their lives on the outskirts of society, they shared hopes for a better life. Unfortunately, Wilson contracted cancer, and he left Vanessa rather than force upon her what he perceived as the burden of a stricken man.

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Wilson joined Canada's Department K and was mutated with a healing factor intended to cure his cancer. He worked with other operatives like Kane and Sluggo, but something went wrong. Whether due to a breakdown from his treatments or some other factor, Wilson apparently killed teammate Slayback. The government sent him to the Hospice for treatment, unaware of the sadistic experiments conducted by Dr. Emrys Killebrew. Killed for his rebellious streak, Wilson was revived by his healing factor, severely disfigured but no longer terminal. He tore the Hospice apart, freed his fellow test subjects, and proclaimed a new name for himself.

At this point Deadpool's history again turns vague as he bounced from job to job. He worked for Hammerhead's gang, fought Wolverine during the latter's years with Department H, and acted as assassin for the Kingpin, to name only a few high points.

As a costumed mercenary, Deadpool frequented the horrific hangout called Hellhouse, and he took jobs for villains like the Wizard and heroes like Doctor Druid before settling in to steady work with the mysterious Tolliver, who also employed Vanessa, now the shapeshifting Copycat. Deadpool's weapon supplier and best friend, Weasel, was also part of Tolliver's circle.

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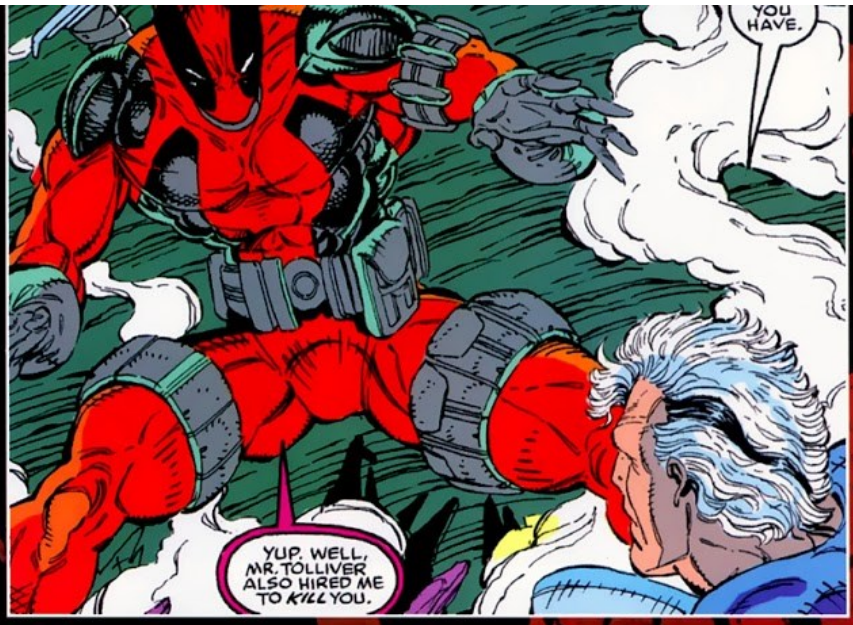
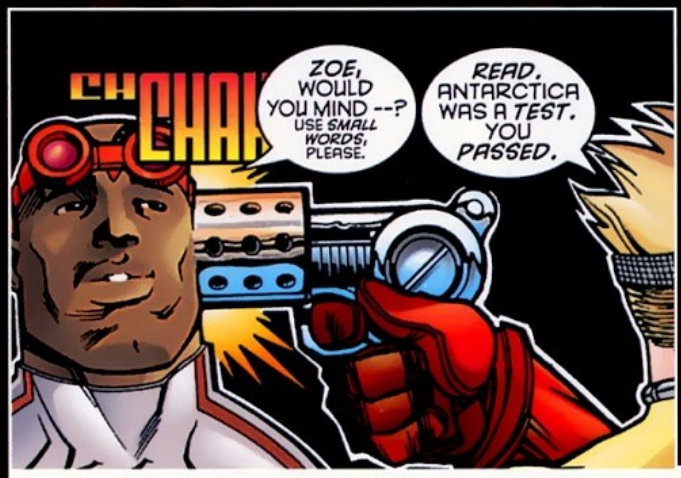
Eventually Tolliver sent Deadpool to kill Cable, another super-powered mercenary and, secretly, Tolliver's father. At the time, Cable was acting as mentor to the New Mutants, so Deadpool burst into the Xavier Institute, ready to rumble, but Cable defeated him and mailed him back to Tolliver. Deadpool could little imagine how important Cable and his cohorts would become in his later life.



Deadpool's world changed quickly when Cable changed the New Mutants into X-Force: Copycat went underground, his Department K crony Kane hunted both him and Cable for the government, Tolliver was slain, and a revived Slayback sought vengeance. In the chaos, however, Deadpool found tranquility in the friendship of Siryn from X-Force; although he came to deeply love her, Siryn never fully reciprocated his feelings.



Deadpool's life settled back to normal, or as close to normal as he wanted it, but Zoe Culloden of the mystery firm Landau, Luckman, and Lake felt Deadpool was meant for more than mercenary misadventures. Zoe claimed a heroic destiny awaited the dubious Deadpool, who was sure that, although he had worn many names, "hero" would never be one of them.

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Deadpool continued moving from assignment to assignment, battle to battle, confronting Taskmaster, the Hulk, Typhoid Mary, Daredevil, and others. He grew less and less sure of what Zoe's offer might mean, but he discussed his doubts with no one save Blind Al, an elderly woman whom he inexplicably held hostage and against whom he sharpened his wits in repeat matches of pranks and sardonic barbs.

After a series of devastating defeats and conscience-facing crossroads, Deadpool took Zoe up on her offer, learning she wanted him to take the role of "Mithras" to protect an alien peace-bringing Messiah, but only by killing its enemy Tiamat. Discouraged that killing was all he seemed good for, Deadpool defeated Tiamat but recognized what others did not, that the Messiah brought not peace but mindless bliss. Deadpool killed the Messiah instead, saving the world but still wondering if he could do the same for his soul.

Already troubled, Deadpool was stunned when Mercedes Wilson returned from the dead, and he soon felt sure he could find redemption in her arms. However, another mercenary, the sorcerer T-Ray, revealed that Deadpool could never find peace as Mercedes' husband...because **T-Ray** was her husband, the man Deadpool had left for dead long ago. Overwhelmed by the revelation, Deadpool nevertheless refused to break down in defeat the way T-Ray wanted.

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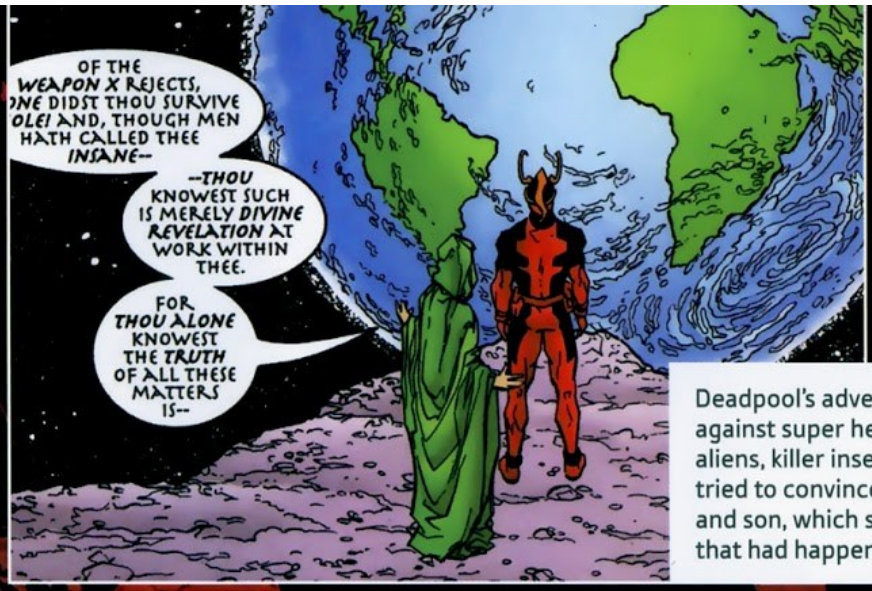

Deadpool's adventures continued, setting him against super heroes, super-villains, werewolves, aliens, killer insects, and more. The god Loki even tried to convince Deadpool that they were father and son, which seemed as believable as anything else that had happened in Deadpool's life.

Deadpool then received an upgrade to his healing factor from Malcolm "Director" Colcord's Weapon X Program, which recruited him to oppose "the mutant menace." Joining Kane, who had turned callous while Deadpool had become more sympathetic to others, Deadpool was appalled when Kane murdered a mutant child. When Sabretooth, also in Weapon X, killed Copycat, a furious Deadpool was all but incinerated when he confronted her murderers.

To everyone's surprise, including his own, Deadpool regenerated and revived, alive but amnesiac. While he struggled to regain his memories, four mysterious men, also calling themselves "Deadpool," burst on the scene in various venues. Deadpool learned they were aspects of his own personality, created by T-Ray in a scheme that ultimately failed.

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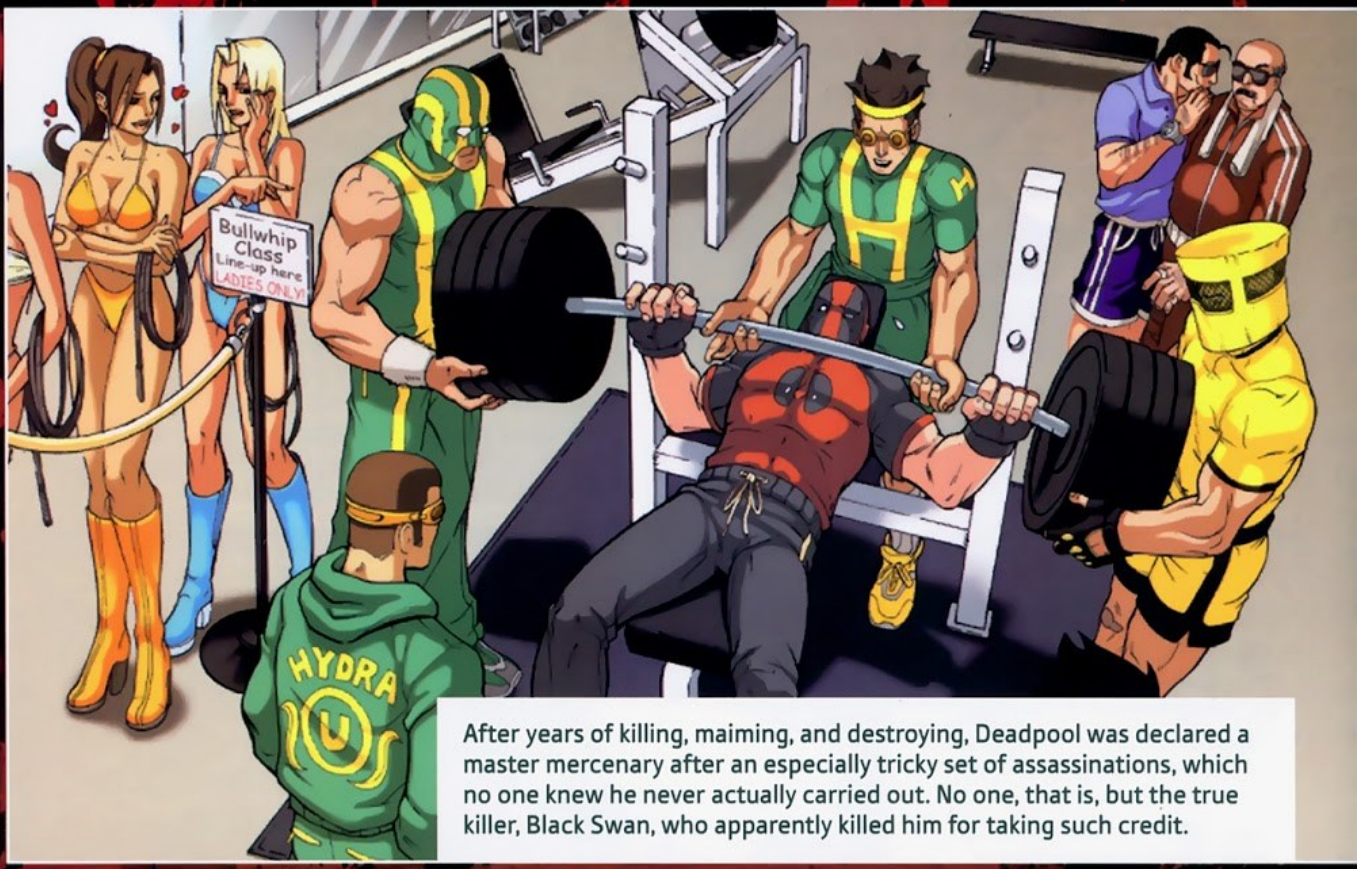
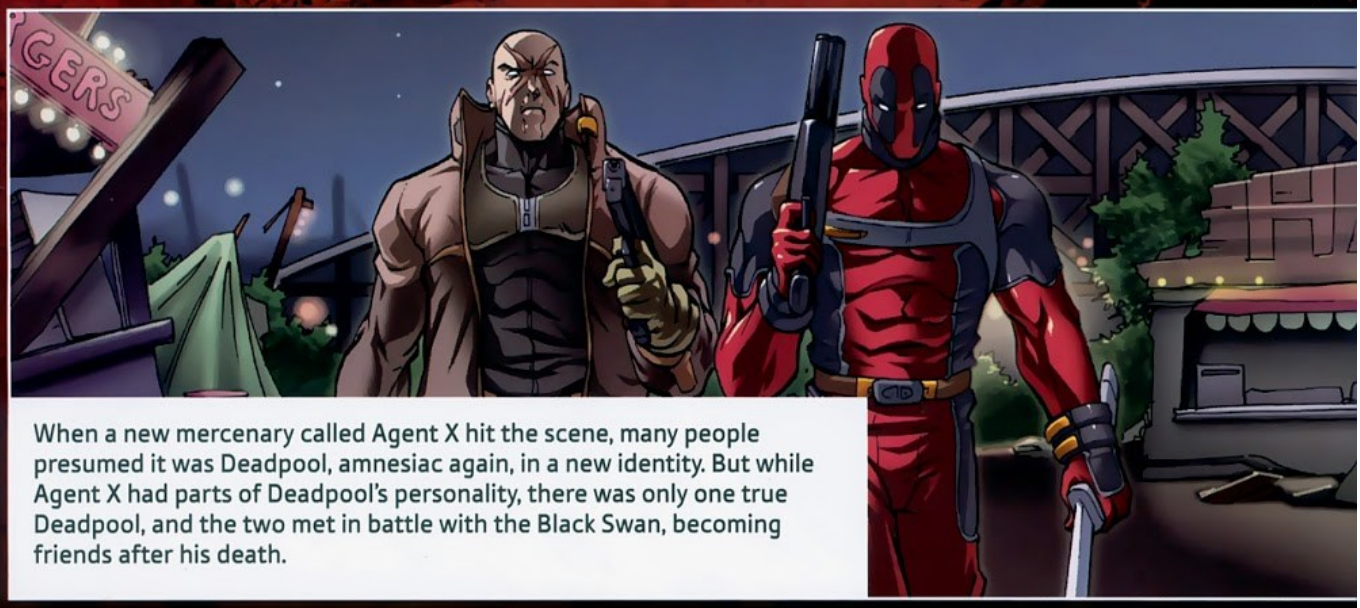


After years of killing, maiming, and destroying, Deadpool was declared a master mercenary after an especially tricky set of assassinations, which no one knew he never actually carried out. No one, that is, but the true killer, Black Swan, who apparently killed him for taking such credit.



When a new mercenary called Agent X hit the scene, many people presumed it was Deadpool, amnesiac again, in a new identity. But while Agent X had parts of Deadpool's personality, there was only one true Deadpool, and the two met in battle with the Black Swan, becoming friends after his death.

When the One World Church hired Deadpool to steal a virus that could reshape people's appearances, he had no idea he would find himself fighting Cable in the process, let alone that the two would form a psychic link during the battle.

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But a lot had changed since their battle at Xavier's school years before. His mercenary days far behind him, Cable was out to save the world through intervention and example. Deadpool had heard wild talk about saving the world before, but he became one of Cable's most ardent and unstable supporters, willing to fight friend or enemy on his behalf, and he became a frequent visitor to Cable's island paradise, Providence.

When Cable vanished through dimensional barriers, Deadpool reunited with Siryn to rescue him, visiting many strange alternate Earths and alternate Cables in the bargain.

During the "Civil War," Deadpool and Cable parted over differences regarding the Superhuman Registration Act and its effects on the future. Trying to put his newfound idealism behind him, Deadpool joined the government-sanctioned Six Pack to discredit him but inadvertently improved Cable's status in the eyes of the world.

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Unfortunately, Cable's dream reached an apparent end when Providence sank. Regardless of regrets over what might have been, Deadpool is now back in the mercenary game full-time, joining Weasel and other friends in Agency X. Cable may have disappeared into the future, but what future is waiting for Deadpool now?

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